

Hilton Garden Inn Richmond Airport

Sandston, Virginia



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

Hilton Garden Inn

"Hilton Garden Inn Richmond Airport opened in November 2008. We have 130 Guest Room, 3000 square of meeting space, Great American Grill & Bar, Indoor Pool, Fitness and Business center."

Green Statement: "We want to save our Planet and Mankind. Hilton is coming out in the next few months with Green Initiatives for all their hotels to conserve energy, water, electricity."



CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

☑ This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **Hilton Garden Inn** can expect the following practices:

☑ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use linens service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning
- Line dry linens whenever possible

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Provide clearly marked recycling cans in vending areas on each floor, in the Pool, Fitness and Business Center and in the restaurant.
- Track overall waste bills

- Have numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Fill up shampoo bottles
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Recycle fryer grease
- Donate excess food from events
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Print menus on recycled content paper with soy-based inks
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers



☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have:
 - high efficiency dishwashers
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
 - composting toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first) and use microfiber technology mops
- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilize drought tolerant species, metering and rain gauges, and minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective stormwater management plan including: pervious pavement, and the minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc)
- Have a green roof
- Use cisterns, rain barrels, and/ or drip-line irrigation
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities

- Have a numeric goal of how much they want to reduce their energy usage over time
- Have an "energy management system" in place to track and meter energy usage
- Use:
 - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - LED Exit Signs
 - high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Have installed additional insulation
- Use natural lighting
- Purchase EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Used LEED criteria when developing new buildings
- Achieved LEED certification as a _____ building
- Are working to achieve LEED-EB (existing building) certification through operational changes and renovations
- Use fuel efficient vehicles or hybrid vehicles
- Use EnergyStar's Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry
- Use a system called HEAT, to track energy usage

- ☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a "green" or "environmentally-friendly" package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:
- Use reusable china, glass and silverware, bulk water pitchers, lines and compact fluorescent lighting

For more information on **Hilton Garden Inn**, see www.hiltongardeninn.hilton.com or contact **Sunnie Amiin** at sunnieamiin@shaminhotels.com or **804-467-3300**.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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